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Intersection

improvements

ennepin County

began work to

improve traffic flow at

the intersection of Nor-

mandale Boulevard and

Old Shakopee Road in

April. Improvements

include double-left turn

lanes on eastbound

and westbound direc-

tions of Old Shakopee

Road, right turn lanes

in all four quadrants of

the intersection, and

signal and utility modifi-

cations. Traffic may be

reduced to single lanes

at times. Detour routes

will be posted for the

northern portion of the

Normandale intersection which will be

closed to traffic for

three weeks starting

of Bloomington will be

widening eastbound

West Old Shakopee

Road between Norman-

dale Boulevard and Nes-

Construction

both projects is sched-

uled for completion by

fall. For more informa-

tion, call the Engineer-

952-563-4870. ◆

Division

In addition, the City

mid-June.

bitt Avenue.

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#### Book 'em

**Bloomington** Crime Prevention Association seeks used books, videos, records, CDs and tapes for the 10th Annual Used Book Sale to be held July 12 -August 3. For information, call Heather Larson at 952-884-6210.

The following are sponsored by the Human Services Division:

#### Safety festival

2nd Annual **Bloomington** Safety Festival will be Saturday, August 17, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Creekside Community Center, 9801 Penn Ave. S. The event safety-related offers information for people of all ages. Interactive exhibits include:

- SWAT Team and **Bomb Squad equipment** and procedures.
- MADD Crash Car.
- Firetruck and smokefilled house demos.

For more information, call 952-563-4944 (952-563-4957 V/TTY).

#### On the cutting edge

The Creekside woodshop is open to seniors, age 55 and over, and adults with disabili-A variety machines are available. Bring your own wood. A foreman is on duty from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Cost is \$1 per day. For more information, call 952-563-4944 (952-563-4957 V/TTY). ◆

## Life is Like a

**Upcoming at Creekside June 26** - Genealogy and **Computers** - Luann Veness will present tips on how to

#### Route renamed

he Ring Route, which runs parallel to I-494 from East Bush Lake Road to 34th Avenue, will soon have a new name. In March, the City Council approved the name "American Boulevard" for the route that follows Green Valley Drive, Norman Center Drive, Bridge Road, and 79th and 80th Streets. Designed to ease congestion on I-494 and reduce travel time for residents, the route keeps traffic off the interstate by facilitating shorter, local



trips. Planned for the route is a new bridge over I-35W that is scheduled for construction in late summer. The name will be changed and the bridge will be ready for use in 2004. ♦

# **Facilities Update**

### New and improved!

## Two City projects near completion

Public Works moves back to expanded facility

ost City vehicles and equipment have an indoor home now that construction is complete at the Public Works site located on 98th Street and James Avenue South. City crews moved furniture, files and vehicles into the facility in March.

#### **Protecting our investments**

More than \$16 million are invested in Public Works equipment, but only onethird of it was housed indoors because of lack of storage space. Harsh weather took its toll, reducing the life of these vehicles. In addition. snow, rain and ice slowed crews as vehicles were prepared for their winter work.

#### **Improved** service

Approximately 71,000 square feet of vehicle equipment storage was built. A 2,100 square repair foot garage addition was constructed, along with 15,240

square feet of new offices. Existing offices were remodeled. The additional space allows for the consolidation of Public Works staff, providing more efficient communication, coordination and service to the community.

April snows put the new storage facility to the test. With the equipment stored indoors, City crews were able to get snowplows out on the street more quickly.

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#### More storage needed

A task force, appointed by the City Council, recommended building more storage space for Public Works equipment. The City has a tentative purchase agree-

ment to buy a vacant lot north of 96th Street. A building would be constructed to house the remaining equipment and cover a salt/sand stockpile. ♦

### Bloomington Family Aquatic Center opens in June

Valley View Pool is nearing completion. The pool was upgraded to a "family aquatics park" with many new amenities, including a zero-depth entry pool, interactive play features, water-

Renovation of the former slides, diving boards, sand play area, sand volleyball and a newly remodeled bathhouse and concession stand. The City Council approved \$3.6 million for renovation, which is being funded entirely from exist-

ing capital replacement funds. aquatic center is scheduled to open in June. ♦



# Valued Patchwork

trace your family history on the Internet.

**July 24** - How's the Weather - Local author Jim Kennedy will discuss his book for comfort-seeking tourists/retirees.

**August 21** - The Zoomobile: All Things Connected - The Minnesota Zoo will feature animals from all over the world. Program is free. All ages are invited to attend.

Programs are held at Creekside Community Center, 9801 Penn Ave. S., from 9:15-10:30 a.m. Cost is \$3, payable at the door.

To register, call 952-563-4957 V/TTY. Need a ride? Call 952-563-4948. ◆

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### Storm-damaged tree removal policy approved

n May, the City Council approved a City storm debris policy that applies to tree damage after a severe wind, ice or snowstorm. Following a significant storm, the City will assess the number of damaged trees on City-owned boulevard property. If the survey yields 350 or more hazardous boulevard trees, a City Emergency will be declared.

#### Tree removal and debris pick-up

With any storm, the City will remove all damaged trees on public property including boulevards and parks. Trees on private property are the responsibility of the property owner.

#### Storm-damage City Emergency

When a City Emergency is declared, the following will be implemented:

- ♦ An emergency phone number will be established and information will be distributed on the City's Web site, cable television and through other local media.
- ♦ The City will pick-up any tree debris, with the exception of stumps, that are placed at the curb. Place debris on the boulevard, not in the street.
- ◆ The City will not remove tree debris on private property, but will provide a list of private contractors that are available to assist property owners.

For information, call Public Works at 952-563-8760. ◆

# "SNOOP" "3JULLY" "KNOW-IT-ALL" "TYRANT" KEEPING KIDS AWAY FROM ALCOHOL WON'T MAKE YOU THE MOST POPULAR PARENT. SIMPLY ONE OF THE BEST. Teens don't need you to be their friend. They need you to be their parent. Set rules. Stay involved. Together we can stop teen drinking.

### Street improvements scheduled this summer

hirty miles of city streets will get a fresh coat of rock and asphalt sealcoat this summer. The appearance and functional life of neighborhood streets are enhanced through the Public Works' Pavement Management Program which maintains a database of all city streets and selects areas for maintenance. Approximately 12 percent of Bloomington's streets are sealcoated each year. The improvements are general maintenance expen-

ditures covered by the General Fund. Work is scheduled for completion by July.

#### **Important reminders**

It is safe to drive on the sealcoat once it has been rolled and compacted. After the sealcoat is in place for 24 hours, street sweepers will collect the excess rock. If you encounter crews, follow these safety tips:

- No parking is allowed on the street.
- Drive slowly and stay clear of equipment.



Traffic will not detour, but drive on half of the road.

To find out if your street is being sealcoated, visit www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keywords "2002 sealcoating", or call Maintenance at 952-563-8760. ◆

### Amphitheater decisions

n April, a Dakota County judge delivered a partial ruling in favor of the proposed amphitheater in Burnsville. The ruling was made on the first of two parts of a Minnesota Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) lawsuit filed by the City of Bloomington, which asked for a more in-depth environmental review of the 19,500seat project. The judge ruled that an environmental impact statement (EIS) was not mandated because the amphithe-

ater capacity would be limited to fewer than 20,000 people.

#### **Protection for residents**

The City's goal is to achieve the maximum protection for Bloomington residents in the event the amphitheater is built on the site just west of I-35W and south of the Minnesota River. An EIS gives a more comprehensive analysis of the impact the proposed amphitheater may have on the environment including noise, air and water quality and wildlife.

#### **Next step**

The City of Bloomington will be pursuing count two of the MEPA lawsuit. The second component contends that specific impacts, such as noise and traffic, have the potential for significant environmental effects. Therefore a more comprehensive analysis of the proposed amphitheater should be conducted through an EIS. ◆

### MAC adopts noise mitigation policy

n April, the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) adopted a noise mitigation policy for single-family homes in the DNL 60 to 64 dB contours. DNL (Day-night Noise Level) is a noise model that averages noise levels in decibels and is used to describe noise impacts around airports. A full noise insulation package will be offered to homes in the DNL 63 and 64 dB contours. Homes between the DNL 60 and 62 dB contours will be eligible for a mechanical package that includes conditioning or reimbursement for other implemented sound improvements. Mitigation is scheduled to be phased in over a 10-year period.

To view a noise contour map of Bloomington, visit www.ci.bloomington.mn.us,

keywords "noise mitigation". For the MAC policy decision, visit www.macavsat.org. ◆

### National Night Out

Bloomington's 19th annual National Night Out celebration will be held Tuesday, August 6. Last year, more than 12,000 residents from 286 neighborhoods joined forces to prevent crime. **Police** squads, K-9 units, fire trucks and paramedic units visited block parties. Registration materials will soon be sent to block captains. For more information, call 952-563-8808. ◆



McGruff serves up some tasty tidbits on ways to prevent crime at last year's National Night Out event.

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### PARKS, RECREATION & ARTS UPDATE

For more information or to register for programs, call Parks and Recreation at 952-563-8877.

### Swimming

#### **Bloomington Family Aquatic Center**

301 E. 90th Street

he NEW Bloomington Family Aquatic Center is making a splash this summer.

**Dates:** June 8\* - August 25. Time: Noon - 8 p.m.

Cost:

Age Under 1	<b>DAILY</b> Admission	After 5 p.m.
Under 1	Free	Free
1 - 5	\$4	\$3
6 - 54	\$6	\$4
55 & Over	\$4	\$3

#### **Season passes:**

Family (2 people):

Resident	\$60 + \$10 each add'l + tax.
Non-Resident	\$110 + \$10 each add'l + tax.
Individual	
Resident	\$30 + tax.
Non-Resident	\$55 + tax.
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Purchase your season passes at the Parks and Recreation office or at the Center beginning June 8\*.

#### Bush Lake Beach

9140 E. Bush Lake Road

ive in to a day at the beach! Bush Lake Beach features a beach house with changing rooms and a concession stand.

When: June 8 - August 25, 12 noon - 8 p.m.

#### Swimming Lessons

wimming lessons are taught to children, age 5 and older, by American Red Cross Water Safety Instructors. Each nine-lesson session meets weekdays for two weeks. Enrollment is limited. If weather requires cancellation, Fridays are reserved for make-up lessons. Students demonstrate their skills on the first day of each session and may be transferred to a skill level better suited to their abilities.

When:	Session I	n I June 17 - 21, June 24 - 28.	
	Session II	July 8 - 12, July 15 – 19.	
	Session III	July 22 - 26, July 29 - August 2.	
Times:	10:15 - 10:55	5 a.m. or 11:05 - 11:45 a.m.	

Levels I - V Aquatic Center/Bush Lake Beach. Where:

Levels VI - VII Aquatic Center only.

**Cost: \$36.** ◆

## Summer Programs for Youth

o register, call Parks and Recreation or download a registration form at www.ci.bloomington.mn.us.

#### Tiny Tots Mini-Camp

Ages 3 - 6.

re-school children are invited to discover the world around them through group play, music, crafts, story-telling and nature activities. A 1:10 teacher/student ratio is maintained. Children must be at least three years old and toilet-trained by the first day of each session.

When: Monday - Thursday,

> Session 1 June 17 - 20. Session 2 June 24 - 27. **Session 3** July 8 - 11. July 15 - 18. **Session 4 Session 5** July 22 - July 25. **Session 6** July 29 - Aug 1. Session 7 Aug 5 – 8.

Where: Moir Park Shelter #2, 104th and Morgan Avenue S.

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Time:

Cost: \$55.

#### Summer Adventure Playgrounds

Ages 6 - 12.

oin your friends for games, sports, story time, arts and crafts, carnivals and special weekly events. Adult supervisors are experienced in recreation and youth leadership.

When: Monday - Friday, June 10 - August 9.

(Thursday, July 4 - no program.)

Brookside, Bryant, Brye, Kelly, Poplar Bridge, Run-Where:

ning, Smith, Sunrise and Westwood Parks.

10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Time:

\$25 full program; \$.50 daily. Field trips extra. Cost:

#### Day Camp Kota

Ages 7 - 12.

amp Kota provides an opportunity to learn basic camping ✓ skills and to develop an appreciation for the outdoors. Children will explore nature crafts, nature study, knots, camp craft skills and meal preparation. Activities include swimming, canoeing, arts and crafts, games, field trips and an overnight camp.

**Dates:** Monday - Friday.

> Session 1 July 22 - 26. **Session 2** July 29 - Aug. 2. **Session 3** Aug. 5 - 9. **Session 4** Aug. 12 - 16.

Where: Bush Lake Picnic Shelter #3, 9140 East Bush Lake.

8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Time: **Cost:** \$130 per week.

**Transport:** Transportation is provided to and from camp

except on Friday mornings.

#### Youth Hockey

efferson and Kennedy Booster Clubs will hold youth hockey registration for Mites through Junior Gold (boys and girls, ages 5 - 18) at the Bloomington Ice Garden.

#### Registration

**Cost:** 

August 19, 27 and September 4. Jefferson

For information, call Roger Hovey at 952-831-0053.

Kennedy August 28 and September 5, 7.

For information, call Tom Dupont at 952-881-8581.

**Bloomington Athletic Association** hockey registration will be held in early September. Call the information line at 952-888-0807 or visit www.baaonline.org. ◆

Session III: Mon/Wed, July 29 - August 14

\$43.50 per person for six one-hour lessons.

Level I: 7 p.m.;

**Register:** Pre-registration required. Call Parks and Recreation.

Level II: 8 p.m.

### Adult Sports

#### Adult Tennis Lessons - USA Tennis 1-2-3

Ages 18 and over. Who:

**Skill level:** *I - Instruction:* Learn basic skills with innovative

teaching techniques, drills and games.

II - Supervised Play: Low-key doubles play. Learn strategy, tiebreakers, scoring and service rotation

with a variety of tennis players.

Where/ When:

Bryant Park, 1001 W. 85th Street.

Session I: Tuesday/Thursday, June 11 - 27

Level I: 10 a.m. or 11 a.m.

Session II: Tuesday/Thursday, July 9 - 25 Level I: 10 a.m.; Level II: 11 a.m.

**Dred Scott**, 10820 Bloomington Ferry Road. Session I: Monday/Wednesday, June 10 - 26 Level I: 6 p.m.;

Level II: 7 p.m. Session II: Monday/Wednesday, July 8 - 24

Level I: 7 p.m.; Level II: 8 p.m. Daytime Volleyball

**Class size:** Minimum 4 students; maximum 8.

ere is your chance to exercise and enjoy volleyball during the mornings. All games are played at the Bloomington National Guard Training Center, 3300 West 98th Street. You don't need a team; just show up. Teams are formed each week.

All year, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. When:

**Cost:** \$1.25 per session. ◆

arks and Recreation, Community Education, Kids' Safari and the Art Center created this program for youth, grades 1-6. Held at Oak Grove Elementary, parents can choose from a variety of classes, activities, camps and childcare. Summer Spectrum runs from June 17 - August 16. ◆

# AR&LE

### Adaptive Recreation and Learning Exchange

AR&LE offers opportunities for people with disabilities to actively participate in recreational, leisure and community education programs in Bloomington, Eden Prairie, Edina and Richfield. Activities are available for various ability levels in integrated or segregated settings. The City makes every reasonable effort to ensure residents can participate in the programs. For a complete listing of AR&LE's quarterly activities or to volunteer, call Parks and Recreation. ◆

#### Galaxy Youth Center

8900 Portland Ave. S.

Who:

Youth, grades 6 - 9.

When: June 24 - Aug. 16.  $M - F \dots 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.$ TH . . . . . . 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Weekends . Closed.

Summer pass \$25: Daily \$.50.

**Activities:** Leadership training, field trips, open gym, community service projects, cooking, crafts, arts and more.

**Facilities:** Game room, computer center, TV lounge, pool and gym.

Thursday nights:

Barbecues, dances, talent shows and lock-ins.

Galaxy is a partnership between the City of Bloomington, Bloomington Public Schools and other community organizations. For information, call 952-886-8548. ◆

<sup>\*</sup> Opening may be delayed due to construction. For updates, visit www.ci.bloomington.mn.us or call Parks and Rec after June 1.





### Arts in the Parks

rom puppets to plays, jazz to jugglers, Bloomington parks come alive with entertainment this summer! Bring a blanket or a lawn chair and sit back and enjoy a variety of performing artists and special events.

For more information or in case of inclement weather, call the Bloomington Parks and Recreation 24-hour information line at 952-563-8878.

#### FIRST SEASON!!! Normandale Lake Bandshell, 84th and Chalet Rd.

#### **Park locations:**

Brookside, 10000 Xerxes Avenue S. Brye, 10500 Xavier Avenue S. Bush Lake Beach, 9140 E. Bush Lake Rd. Gene C. Kelly, 185 E. 102nd St.

Moir, 104th and Morgan Avenue S. Pond-Dakota Mission, 401 E. 104th St. Smith, 8155 Park Avenue. Tarnhill, 9650 Little Road.

Valley View, 9000 Portland Avenue S.

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F 14	7 p.m.	Noteable Singers	Normandale Bandshell
M 17	10:30 a.m.	Monday Morning in the Park Series, Wonderful World of Woody	Gene Kelly
Tu 18	6 – 8 p.m.	Smith Park Grand Opening	Smith Park
Th 20	7 p.m.	Katy Tessman Band	Normandale Bandshell
Su 23	1 p.m.	<b>Sandcastles</b> Performances by Alpha Bits and Kit and Kaboodle.	Bush Lake Beach
M 24	10:30 a.m.	Monday Morning in the Park Series, Splatter Sisters	Normandale Bandshell
Tu 25	7 p.m.	Holy Emmanual Lutheran Church Praise Worship Team Singers	Gene Kelly
Th 27	7 p.m.	Northern Winds Concert Band	Normandale Bandshell

W 3	5 - 10 p.m. 5 - 9 p.m. 5 - 5:50 p.m. 6 - 7 p.m. 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. 8:45 - 9:50 p.m. Dusk	Summer Fete  NEW THIS YEAR: Carnival games Sponsored by Bloomington Rotary Mike Monson, Juggler Teddy Bear Band Tony DeMarco and the Swing O'Philes Bloomington Symphony Orchestra Fireworks	Normandale Bandshell
M 8	10:30 a.m.	Monday Morning in the Park Series, Amazing Jeffo	Brookside
Th 11	7 p.m.	Monroe Crossing	Normandale Bandshell
F 12	7 p.m.	Shakespeare in the Park presents A Midsummer's Night Dream	Normandale Bandshell
M 15	10:30 a.m.	Monday Morning in the Park Series, Bells and Whistles	Brye
Tu 16	7 p.m.	451st Army Band	Normandale Bandshell
Th 18	7 p.m.	Poor Baker's Dozen	Normandale Bandshell
M 22	10:30 a.m.	Monday Morning in the Park Series, Mike Monson, Juggler	Normandale Bandshell
M 22	7:15 p.m.	Talent Show Auditions	Creekside Center
Tu 23	7 p.m.	Good Times Mens Chorus	Normandale Bandshell
Th 25	7 p.m.	Flavor (Latin/Soul Band)	Normandale Bandshell
F 26	7 p.m.	Talent Show	Normandale Bandshell
M 29	10:30 a.m.	Monday Morning in the Park Series, Jack Pearson, Mr. Song-Strummin' Story	Smith Man

Th	1	7 p.m.	John Phillip Sousa Band	Normandale Bandshe
M	5	10:30 a.m.	Monday Morning in the Park Series, Wiggle, Jiggle and Jam	Tarnhill
Th	8	7 p.m.	Hungry Horse	Normandale Bandshel
M	12	10:30 a.m.	Monday Morning in the Park Series, Schiffelly Puppets Fairy Tales	Valley View
Tu	13	7 p.m.	Minnehaha Brass Quintet on behalf of Bloomington Symphony Orchestra	Normandale Bandshel
Th	15	7 p.m.	Lehto and Wright	Normandale Bandshel
Su	18	1 - 4 p.m. 1 - 1:50 p.m. 2 - 2:50 p.m. 3 - 4 p.m.	Bloomington Jazz Festival The Fourum Triplicate Jaztronauts	Normandale Bandshel
M	19	10:30 a.m.	Monday Morning in the Park Series, Will Hale and the Tadpole Parade	Moir
W	21	To be announced	Minnesota Zoomobile	Creekside

**Pond-Dakota Mission** 

River Rendezvous



#### **Bloomington Art Center** Summer day camps and classes

June 10 - August 23.

ign up your children for summer fun at Bloomington Art Center! Weeklong multimedia art experience for youth ages three and a half to grade six. New this year - special weeklong camps for grades 7 - 9. Morning and afternoon sessions offered. For more information, call the Bloomington Art Center at 952-563-4777.

#### Clay Camps

Youth, ages 8 and up, will learn hand-building techniques, work on the potter's wheel, create clay sculptures and learn how to glaze and finish their work.

Monday - Friday, June 10 - August 23. When: Where: Bloomington Art Center, 10206 Penn Ave. S.

Time: 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. To be determined. Cost:

**Register:** Call the Art Center at 952-563-4777.

#### Art Center Gallery

The Bloomington Art Center Gallery Players present alterna-

tive theater on the fourth Saturday of each month. **Dates:** 

June 22 - Open Mic Night. July 27 - Readers' Theater.

August 24 - Story Theater, youth, grades 5 - 8.

Where: Art Center Gallery, 10206 Penn Ave. S.

Cost: \$3 suggested donation. ◆

#### Summer Fete

ather your family and friends at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3, at Normandale Lake Park, 84th Street and Normandale Boulevard, for an evening of music and fun. Refreshments are available. Park across 84th Street. For information, or in case of inclement weather, call the 24hour information line at 952-563-8878. This year, a new fireworks contractor will provide a safe and exciting show.

Summer Fete is an All-American festival that needs your assistance. Use the envelope recently sent in your water bill or call 952-563-8877 for details on ordering Summer Fete T-shirts and buttons or to make a donation. ◆

#### Arts in the Parks Audition/Talent Show

his annual show features amateur talent in the performing arts. Individuals or groups earn recognition and special awards. To audition, you must supply information about your specific talents and list any stage experience.

Audition - Monday, July 22, 7:15 p.m., Creekside Center, 9801 Penn Ave. S.

Talent Show - Friday, July 26, 7 p.m., Normandale Lake Bandshell, 84th and Chalet Road. ◆

#### American Cancer Society's Relay for Life

When: Friday - Saturday, August 2 - 3.

Bloomington Stadium, W. 90th St. at Queen Ave. or more information, call the American Cancer Society at 952-925-6332. ◆

### Bloomington Jazz Festival

When: Sunday, August 18, 1 - 4 p.m. Normandale Bandshell, 84th St. and Where:

Chalet Road.

ake this event a "must see" this summer! Park in the ramp of the 8500 Tower of Normandale Lake Office Park on 84th Street. Refreshments are available. Enjoy an afternoon of jazz from Triplicate and the Jaztronauts. ◆

#### **Bloomington Athletic Association** 18-Hole Golf Scramble and Scholarship Fundraiser

When: Sunday, August 18.

Time: Tee times start at 11 a.m. and noon. Dwan Golf Course, 3301 W. 110th Street. Where: **Cost:** \$50 per person includes cart, food and prizes. orporate sponsors and prize donations are needed. For more information, call Jim Hunt at 952-830-0908. ◆

### River Rendezvous... A step back in time

When: Saturday, September 21.

Where: Pond-Dakota Mission Park, 401 E. 104th Street.

iver Rendezvous authentically depicts 19th century life with historic reenactments of life on the frontier - the fur trade/voyageur era of Native American and early settlers. Highlights include musical performances, theater, games and demonstrations. For more information or to volunteer, call 952-563-8881. ◆

Sa 21 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.